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**Public Comment Period Extended on Report
About North Elkhorn Stream Impairments**
Comment period now ends Aug. 22

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 19, 2013) – The Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) has extended the public comment period from July 22 to Aug. 22 on a draft report addressing bacteria impairments in three stream segments within the North Elkhorn Creek watershed.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify specific waters where designated uses are not being met and water quality impairments exist. The state is also required to prioritize the list of impaired waters, calculate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollutants for those waters and devise plans to improve the water quality.

“Total Maximum Daily Load” is a term used to describe the amount of pollution a stream can receive and still meet water quality standards. Water quality standards are regulations based on federal or state law that set numeric or narrative limits on pollutants. TMDLs are required for water bodies that are determined to be impaired.

The report, Total Maximum Daily Load for E. coli, 3 Stream Segments within the North Elkhorn Creek Watershed, prepared by DOW, addresses bacteria impairments in the North Elkhorn Creek watershed at levels that no longer support the primary contact recreation (i.e. swimming) designated use. The report includes data and procedures used to calculate the TMDL for the stream segments.

Revisions to the report may be made following the public comment period and before it is sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval. The report may be viewed online at <http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>.

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